

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01123-DLF**

CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY v. UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL  
MARKETING SERVICE

Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/10/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**Defendant**

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05/10/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5475810) filed by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Kimbrell, George) (Attachment 1 replaced on 5/11/2018) (zsth). (Entered: 05/10/2018)
05/10/2018	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Kellan Smith, :Firm- Center for Food Safety, :Address- 303 Sacramento St., 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111. Phone No. - 415-826-2770. Fax No. - 415-826-0507 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5475820. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Kimbrell, George) (Entered: 05/10/2018)
05/10/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zsth) (Entered: 05/11/2018)
05/11/2018		SUMMONS Not Issued as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES, U.S. Attorney's Office and the U.S. Attorney General. (zsth) (Entered: 05/11/2018)
05/11/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of <i>Corrected Summons</i> by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons Corrected, # <u>2</u> Summons Corrected)(Kimbrell, George) (Entered: 05/11/2018)
05/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>2</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 14, 2018. (JPF) (Entered: 05/14/2018)
05/15/2018	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (jf) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
06/05/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Johnny Hillary Walker, III on behalf of All Defendants (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
06/08/2018	<u>6</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY. (Smith, Kellan) (Entered: 06/08/2018)
06/11/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/1/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/1/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/29/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES served on 5/31/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Smith, Kellan) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
07/02/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES.(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The parties shall file the joint status report on or before July 30, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 9, 2018. (JPF) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
07/30/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/30/2018)
07/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before October 31, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 31, 2018. (lclfl1) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
10/31/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 10/31/2018)

10/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before November 30, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 31, 2018. (lcldf1) (Entered: 10/31/2018)
11/30/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
12/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 21, 2018 proposing a schedule for future proceedings, if necessary. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 3, 2018. (lcldf1) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 12/21/2018. (jl) (Entered: 12/04/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/22/2018		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before January 22, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 22, 2018. (lcldf1) (Entered: 12/22/2018)
01/18/2019	<u>13</u>	MOTION to Stay by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Coles-Huff, Doris) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting in part the defendant's unopposed <u>13</u> Motion for Stay of All Proceedings in Light of Lapse of Appropriations. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that this case is STAYED until Congress restores appropriations to the Department of Justice. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report within 7 days after Congress restores such appropriations. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 22, 2019. (lcldf1) (Entered: 01/22/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 4, 2019. (lcldf1) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
02/11/2019	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by George A. Kimbrell (Kimbrell, George) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
02/28/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICES. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
02/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before April 3, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 28, 2019. (lcldf1) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
03/22/2019	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY. Attorney Kellan Smith terminated. (Smith, Kellan) (Entered: 03/22/2019)